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Greetings to all those assembled:

As Co-Chair of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights 50th Anniversary Celebration, it is my honor to welcome you to our Civil and Human Rights Conference.

Since our inception in 1960, our state has faced many challenges, but with those challenges have come great benefits.

That's why we pause to commemorate and celebrate 50 years of being that voice crying out in the wilderness. Today that voice can still be heard crying out all across our Commonwealth for equality, justice and civil rights for all.

That is why our Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Conference is so vital for a time such as this. Yes, we will honor our past and all our accomplishments for there is an old cliché that says "for a people to know where they are going they must first know from whence they came."

For three days we will confront our future with a wide range of issues that will set us on the road for our next 50 years journey. We will also recognize and honor outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts and their commitment to civil rights.

I want to commend Executive Director John J. Johnson for his invaluable leadership and the entire KCHR staff for their hard work and dedication.

Again, welcome to the conference and enjoy the fellowship! And thanks for being on this life-challenging journey with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Timothy W. Thomas".

Timothy W. Thomas
Co-Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee
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